

# ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

**CASE NUMBER:** C14H-2009-0007

**HLC DATE:**

March 23, 2009

**PC DATE:**

April 14, 2009

**APPLICANT:** Bill and Lynn Fowler, owners

**HISTORIC NAME:** Gambrell House

**WATERSHED:** Shoal Creek

**ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE:** 1410 Wathen Avenue

**ZONING FROM:** SF-3 to SF-3-H

**SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from single family residence (SF-3) district to single family residence – Historic Landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning.

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION:** Recommended the proposed zoning change from single family residence (SF-3) district to single family residence – Historic Landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning. Vote: 6-0 (Limbacher absent).

**PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:** Recommended the proposed zoning change from single family residence (SF-3) district to single family residence – Historic Landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning. Vote: 8-0 (Anderson absent).

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The house is beyond the bounds of the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

**CITY COUNCIL DATE:** April 30, 2009

**ACTION:**

**ORDINANCE READINGS:** 1<sup>ST</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup>

**ORDINANCE NUMBER:**

**CASE MANAGER:** Steve Sadowsky

**PHONE:** 974-6454

**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION:** Pemberton Heights Neighborhood Association

## **BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

The ca. 1950 house was designed by Roy L. Thomas, built by Ernest Parker, and was the home of prominent local physician William Gambrell.

### **Architecture:**

Two-story rectangular-plan side-gabled brick-veneered Colonial Revival-styled house with a symmetrical façade, central doorway with a front-gabled portico on single columns, a transom over the front door, and twin multi-light bay windows to the sides of the main entry; second-story fenestration consists of metal-framed casement windows.

**Historical Associations:**

The house was built in 1950 for Dr. William Gambrell and his wife, Patti. The house was designed by noted local architect Roy L. Thomas, and built by equally noted contractor Ernest Parker. Dr. William Gambrell was born in Waco but grew up in Lockhart. He graduated from Southwest Texas State Teachers College in San Marcos and began teaching school in Lockhart, later serving as superintendent of the Lockhart school system. From 1916 to 1920, he was in Galveston, studying medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch. Upon graduation, he moved first to New York, then returned to Belton, Texas, and moved to Austin in 1931, establishing his practice specializing in gynecology, surgery, and obstetrics. Dr. Gambrell was known and respected state-wide, and served as president of the Texas Medical Association in the early 1950s, after engineering the move of the organization from Fort Worth to Austin. He died suddenly in 1952; his wife Patti continued to live in this house until 1957, when she sold it to radiologist Emmett Doles and his wife, Clara Mae. Patti Gambrell died in Galveston in 1960. Emmett Doles was a noted radiologist in town, operating the Austin X-Ray Laboratory. He passed away in 1979; his widow sold the house in 1980 to real estate man John Patton and his wife Cynthia. The Pattons sold the house in 1992 to Bill and Lynn Fowler. Bill Fowler is the grandson of Marion "Pappy" Fowler, who had a legal abstract business for many years, but whose true love was riverboating. Pappy Fowler established the Commodore Riverboat Company, and also built Greenshores and Ski Shores on Lake Austin in the 1960s. Bill remains in the oil and gas business in Austin.

**PARCEL NO.:** 01160014120000

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Lot 3, Block 21, Pemberton Heights, Section 5

**ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT:** \$9,585 (owner-occupied); city portion: \$2,000 (capped).

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$805,123

**PRESENT USE:** Single-family residence.

**CONDITION:** Excellent

**PRESENT OWNER:**

Bill and Lynn Fowler  
1410 Wathen Avenue  
Austin, Texas 78703

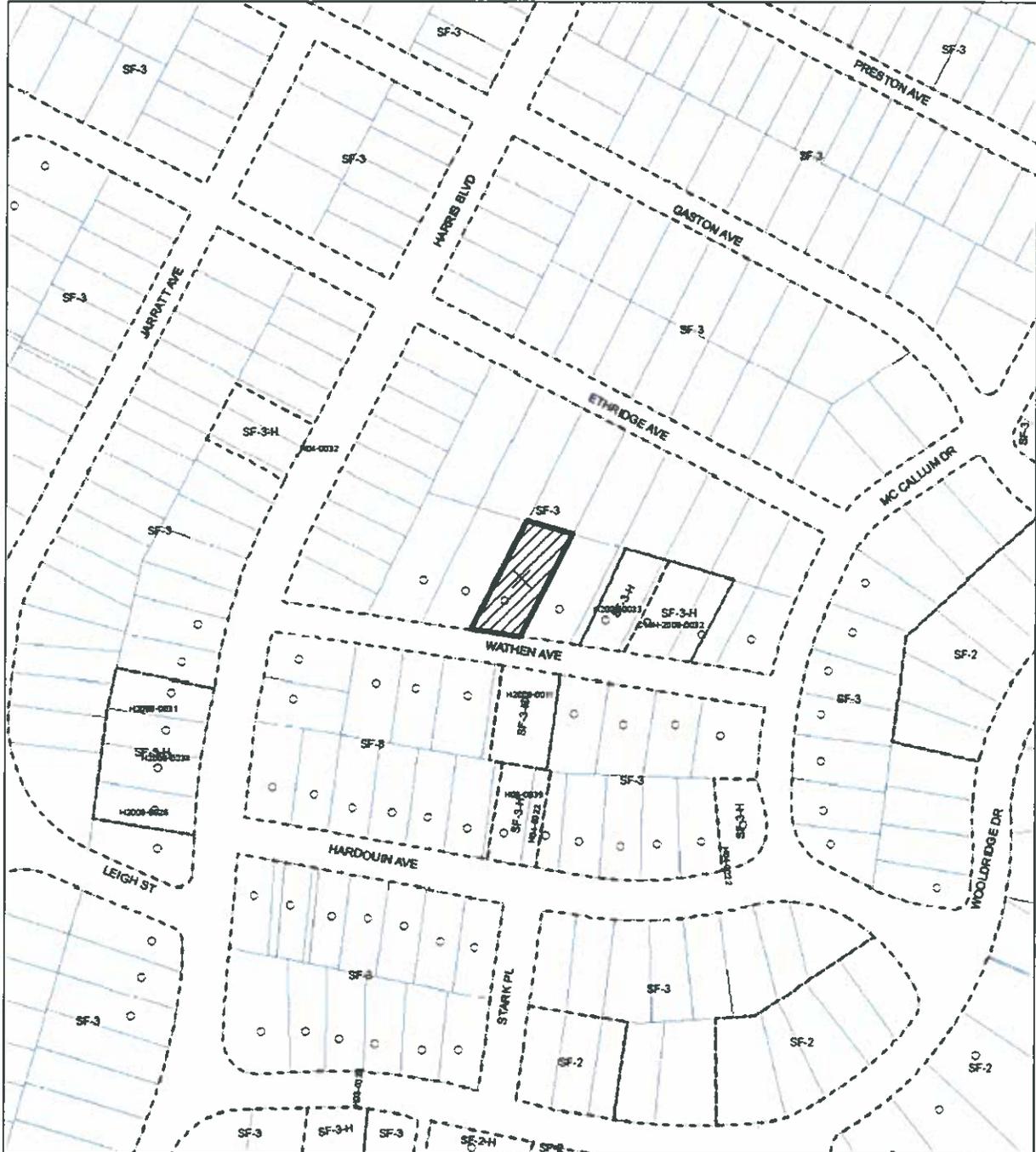
**DATE BUILT:** ca. 1950

**ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS:** None

**ORIGINAL OWNER(S):** Dr. William and Patti Gambrell (1940)

**OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS:** None.

# LOCATION MAP



1" = 200'

-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  ZONING BOUNDARY
-  PENDING CASE

OPERATOR: S. MEEKS

## HISTORIC ZONING

ZONING CASE#: C14H-2009-0007  
 ADDRESS: 1410 WATHEN AVE  
 SUBJECT AREA: 0.000 ACRES  
 GRID: H24  
 MANAGER: S. SADOWSKY



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**Gambrell House**  
**1410 Wathen Avenue**  
**ca. 1950**

## **The Gambrell House**

Dr. William Gambrell and his wife, Patti, moved to Austin in 1931. The Gambrells purchased the lot at 1410 Wathen Avenue in 1940, but waited ten years before building a home on the land. In 1950, the Gambrells hired Austin architect Roy L. Thomas to design their new home. They received a building permit on January 11, 1950 to build a brick veneer two story residence with garage and store room attached for \$25,000.

Roy Thomas designed a number of important Austin buildings from the 1920s through the 1950s. He was a well established and highly sought after architect when he designed the Gambrell home. One of his first jobs was serving as resident architect for the Austin Hotel on Congress Avenue just south of the Capitol Building. One of the most memorable designs produced by Thomas' office is the Herbert Bohn House at 1301 W. 29th Street, a modernistic Art Deco stucco residence sited over Shoal Creek. Other works include the Stephen F. Austin Hotel, Robert E. Lee Elementary School, Tarrytown Methodist Church, and Ebenezer Baptist Church.

When World War II began in 1939, Germany was well positioned to use magnesium for aircraft construction and other military applications. In response, American companies stepped up their magnesium manufacturing efforts. During the summer of 1941, the Austin Chamber of Commerce and the Lower Colorado River Authority joined forces to acquire a wartime industry for the Austin area. William Leach, who lived a few houses up the block at 1402 Wathen, was hired to design and oversee the building of the new Magnesium Plant. Roy Thomas was also hired to supervise construction of the plant, which is now the J.J. Pickle Research Campus of the University of Texas.

Prominent local contractor Ernest Parker, who designed and built many of the houses in Pemberton Heights, was hired to build the Gambrell house. Parker specialized in construction of period styles, especially the popular Colonial Revival. Over the course of 60 years as a master craftsman, Mr. Parker built several sorority houses on the U.T. campus, restored the Walter Tips Mansion, the Radke House for Franklin Savings, and worked

on the remodel of the Governor's Mansion in the 1960s. He has received recognition from the Heritage Society of Austin and the Centennial Award from the Austin Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

## **The Gambrell House**

### **Historical Documentation-Deed Chronology**

<b><u>Transaction/Date</u></b>	<b><u>Volume/Page</u></b>
Bradfield and Brush to Wm. M. & Patti C. Gambrell December 12, 1940	666/88
Patti C. Gambrell to Emmett & Clara Mae Doles February 1, 1957	1785/116
Clara Mae Doles to John and Cynthia Patton July 29, 1980	7040/287
John and Cynthia Patton to William D. & Carolyn F. Fowler February 7, 1992	11,619/1767

**Chronological Listing of Owners/Occupants  
1410 Wathen**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Occupant Name</b>	<b>Source</b>
1940	E.A. Haschke	City Directory
1944-49	No Listing	City Directory
1952	William M. Gambrell	City Directory
1954-57	Mrs. Patti Gambrell	City Directory
1959-80	Emmett A. Doles	City Directory
1981-91	John Patton	City Directory
1992-present	Bill and Lynn Fowler	City Directory

### **Biography of Dr. William Mooney Gambrell**

One of the best known physicians in the state of Texas during the early 1950s was Dr. William M. Gambrell. William was born in Waco in 1890, and at the age of seven, moved with his family to Caldwell County. They first lived on a farm near Prairie Lea, then moved to Lockhart where his father was a judge.

Dr. Gambrell graduated from Lockhart public schools in 1909 and entered Southwest Texas State Teachers College in San Marcos. He obtained a first grade teacher's certificate and taught school the next year to pay back money borrowed for his education. He went on to teach science in Lockhart High School and later served two years as superintendent of the Lockhart public schools.

But William Gambrell never lost his desire to become a doctor. In 1916, he resigned as Superintendent and entered the Medical Department of the University of Texas at Galveston. He obtained his education there only by working at night the first three years.

After graduating in 1920, Dr. Gambrell went to the Lying-In Hospital of New York City. From there he and his wife moved to Belton and he began a general practice. They moved to Austin in 1931, and his practice eventually specialized in surgery, obstetrics and gynecology.

Dr. Gambrell was president of Bell County Medical Society in 1926, became a fellow of the American College of Surgeons in 1927, was elected president of the Seventh District Medical Society soon after he moved to Austin, became a member of the Texas Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in 1934 and was president of the Travis County Medical Society in 1935.

William Gambrell was instrumental in securing the movement of the Texas Medical Association headquarters from Ft. Worth to Austin in 1948, and in 1950-51, he served as president of the Texas Medical Association. At the same time, his wife, Patti was president of the Women's Auxiliary of the

state organization. It was the first time in the history of the association and auxiliary that a husband and wife led the two groups as presidents.

After his retirement from the presidency, Dr. Gambrell served on the Board of Trustees of the TMA. He died a sudden and early death at the age of 61.

# *President's Page*

## IN RETROSPECT

As I write this President's page—my last—I am prone to look backward at the problems we have faced together during the past year. Because of lack of space, however, I must forego enumerating those problems and discussing how well or how unsuccessfully we have faced and solved them.

The duties of the President in most instances are closely related to the duties of other groups. This means that complete cooperation between the President and the various official bodies of the state organization is essential to the successful execution of our program. I have had full cooperation at all times, and for this I am sincerely grateful.

The headquarters staff, attorney, public relations advisers, and the Board of Trustees, as a body and as individuals, have meant much to me in dealing with some major problems. Likewise, the various councils and committees have assisted patiently and graciously at all times. Throughout the state the interest and cooperative attitude of individuals, county societies, and district societies has been keenly manifested, and I deeply appreciate the opportunities I have had to go before them to emphasize problems of mutual concern. I know the districts will give to future Presidents the opportunity to bring medicine's major problems to the grass roots. Only thus can our defensive and/or offensive efforts be kept on a base broad enough to be sound and effective.

The past is gone. No one can change it. The future is not within our grasp. Our destinies can be shaped now only by our unceasing efforts in the present. The fine doctors of the past are responsible for bequeathing to us a sound medical heritage. Those who are gone can do nothing to preserve this heritage; we must do that. Nor can they use the present to add to or make secure the future. This is our obligation. We not only can benefit from and preserve the glorious medical

achievements of the past but also can add to them greatly day by day if we choose.

Today we as doctors probably are acquitting ourselves well. But we are citizens also. Today we will see that the patient gets all the medical care he needs. Tomorrow, however, may be too late for us to preserve our citizenship and its coveted privileges, and too late for doctor or layman to preserve the opportunity to do the best for the patient.

Many of our problems are unfinished. They will never be finished. Legislation, public relations, education (particularly medical education), proper relationships of doctor to doctor, proper relationships between local and state organizations and the American Medical Association, compulsory and voluntary health insurance, and socialized medicine—all are major problems that will challenge the best in doctors henceforth. We must recognize these problems and prepare successfully to meet their challenge.

The future of doctors and the medical welfare of the people is not dark unless the citizenship is willing for it to be. Both doctors and laymen must unite in a common effort as never before to combat any influence which threatens to destroy the present doctor-patient relationship. It is up to physicians to educate laymen to do their part in this program.

To our President-Elect I extend cordial good wishes for a happy and successful year as President. With other members of the Association, I pledge my fullest support to him and all officers of the Association to make the year especially successful.

I wish to express my deepest appreciation to the Woman's Auxiliary for its wonderful cooperation throughout the year. Its service has been of inestimable value to the medical profession.

Mrs. Gambrell wishes me to express to the doctors of Texas her deep appreciation for their gracious assistance during her administration as President of the Auxiliary.

I will see members of the Association in Galveston with a heart full of appreciation to all for their wonderful counsel and assistance throughout the year.

*W. N. Gambrell*

STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
OF TEXAS  
FOR NORTH STAR PILGRIM

Dr. W.



—Star-Telegram Staff Photo.

DR. AND MRS. WILLIAM M. GAMBRELL

Husband and wife head medical groups.

## Big Work for Gambrells

# First Husband-Wife Team To Lead Doctors, Auxiliary

This is a big week in the life of the William M. Gambrell family of Austin.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Gambrell will become president of the Women's Auxiliary to the State Medical Association of Texas.

The next day, her husband will take over as president of the State Medical Association.

A husband-and-wife team has never before headed the two organizations at the same time.

The inauguration will cap 30 years of activity in medical association work for the Gambrells.

They met in Lockhart, Dr. Gambrell's home, where both were teachers. Mrs. Gambrell, a native Georgian, was an English teacher. Gambrell was a star football player and a star athlete of Lockhart. He has never before to return to his hometown as superintendent there.

When he was born in 1913, his father was only a distant ambition for him.

"He had always wanted to be a doctor," Mrs. Gambrell said

Tuesday. "I didn't encourage him or discourage him. I told him to do what he thought was right."

So Gambrell left teaching, was graduated from the University of Texas medical branch at Galveston in 1920, and became a leader in his profession.

Dr. and Mrs. Gambrell have held numerous similar positions in district and state associations and auxiliaries, although never before at the same time.

Their first association services were as presidents of the Bell County Medical Association and Auxiliary.

They have three children: One, 28-year-old William Jr., a prisoner of the Germans during World War II for a year, will be graduated in June from the UT medical branch at Galveston. His father has been invited to make the commencement address.

Their other children are John Brewster Gambrell, 22, a Gulf Oil Corporation employe in Tyler, and Mrs. David Wilcox, 24, of Hudson, Wis.

STUDENTS CLIPPING  
BUREAU  
University of Texas  
Austin, Texas

POST REGISTER  
Lockhart, Texas

NOV 1 1952

## Dr. Gambrell Says Good Government Is Good Business

We can make government what we want it to be, Dr. William Gambrell, past president of the State Medical Association, told the Lockhart Business Men's Club today at noon.

J. Henry Martindale said he wanted to sell all the tickets for the Ladies Night meeting of the club by next Thursday. J. Frank Doble will be the speaker for that meeting. Thursday night, November 15. Next week's speaker will be Congressman Homer Thornberry.

Dr. Gambrell said there was no better business than good government. He emphasized the fact that business men should have something to do besides work in his own business. If things aren't the way we want them in government, we should work to change them.

He stressed that we should carry on our defense efforts, but that we should think farther than any war in our future plans. He quoted several former presidents of the United States on debts, economy, taxes, and rights and privileges. All disliked national debt and heavy taxes.

He quoted the Farm Bureau also, which says government aid to individuals will be followed by government control of the individual.

Dr. Gambrell said man is secure only if he uses what he is given or has wisely. He believes in government aid to mentally or physically handicapped persons, but said those who are healthy mentally and physically don't need government aid. Any man with a good head on him can become secure even though he hasn't a penny in his pocket, the doctor said.

He believes most projects now carried on by the government could be done more economically and with better results if local government, state and city, or individuals would take them over.

It's up to us as citizens to have the type government we want by voting, and then keeping after our representatives in government to make the type we want. Otherwise the minority will rule.



DR. WILLIAM MOONEY GAMBRELL  
"BILL" OR WILLIAM

Classification  
Major: Medicine  
Minor: Gynecology

Physician, Gynecology-Obstetrics  
1007 Capital National Bank Bldg.  
Telephone 3607

Rotary Ann: Patti

Children: Wm. M. Gambrell, Jr.  
Galveston, Texas  
John Brewster Gambrell  
Georgetown, Texas  
Mrs. Patti Marie Wilcox  
Hudson, Wisc.

Home: 1415 Wathen Ave.  
Telephone 8-7321

Hobby: Voice, Music

Entered Club: February 27, 1945

STUDENTS CLIPPING  
BUREAU  
University of Texas  
Austin, Texas

LULING SIGNAL  
Luling, Texas  
Aug 1 1952

## Dr. W. M. Gambrell Dies Unexpectedly In Austin Friday

Dr. William Mooney Gambrell, 62, veteran Austin physician and a former president of the Texas Medical Association, died about 8:30 p. m. Friday in St. David's hospital.

According to a physician in attendance at his death, Dr. Gambrell suddenly became ill at his home, 1410 Wathen, shortly after 2 p. m. He was rushed to the hospital immediately and was pronounced dead about fifteen minutes after arrival. Cause of his death was undetermined.

Private funeral services were held Sunday morning at the family residence with Dr. Carlyle Marney and Dr. Edmund Heinselm officiating.

The body was taken to Dallas Sunday afternoon to be placed in Hillcrest mausoleum.

One of the best known physicians in the state, Dr. Gambrell headed the Texas Medical Association in 1950-51. During the same period his wife, the former Patti Childers McClung of Lockhart, was president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the state organization.

It was the first time in the history of the association and auxiliary that a husband and wife led the two groups as presidents.

When he took office as top executive of the society the Texas State Journal of Medicine hailed his succession to the post, saying that "Dr. Gambrell . . . continues along the path of able leadership, hard work and enthusiasm for medicine which he began years ago."

Dr. Gambrell would have

62 years old Aug. 2. Born in Waco in 1890, he was the son of John Newton Gambrell, a teacher and lawyer, and Mary C. Mooney Gambrell.

In 1897 he went with his parents to Caldwell county, living first on a farm near Prairie Lea then moving in 1905 to Lockhart where the older Gambrell was a judge.

Dr. Gambrell was graduated from the Lockhart public schools in 1909 and entered Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos the following January. He obtained a first grade teacher's certificate in August and taught school the next year to pay back money borrowed for his education.

He then returned to college and was graduated in the spring of 1912. For the next two years Dr. Gambrell taught science in Lockhart high school and later served two years as superintendent of the Lockhart public schools.

Throughout this period he did correspondence work during the winter and attended the University of Texas during the summer to complete premedical requirements. By 1916 he had finished his premed studies and enrolled at the University of Texas medical department in Galveston.

After three years he was appointed a senior intern and following his graduation in 1920 he went to the Lying-in hospital in New York for additional training.

Dr. Gambrell and his wife were married in 1912 at Jacksonville. Late in 1920 they moved to Balton and he began his general practice.

In May, 1931, they and their three children moved to Austin. Since that time Dr. Gambrell had been in practice here, more recently specializing in surgery, obstetrics and gynecology.

Dr. Gambrell was president of Bell County Medical Society in 1929, became a fellow of the American College of Surgeons in 1937, was elected president of the Seventh District Medical Society soon after he moved to Austin, became a member of the Texas Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in 1934 and was president of the Travis County Medical Society in 1935.

A member since 1921 of the American Medical Association and TMA, Dr. Gambrell served his county society in the house of delegates of the state association. He also was councillor of the Seventh district from 1940 until his election in 1949 as president-elect.

Since his retirement from the presidency Dr. Gambrell had been on the board of trustees of the Texas Medical Association.

He was instrumental in securing the movement of the Texas Medical Association headquarters from Ft. Worth to Austin in 1948. Until two weeks ago when he resigned he was chairman of committee arranging for the dedication in September of the new TMA headquarters building on Lamar boulevard.

In addition to numerous activities with medical groups Dr. Gambrell was a member of the Baptist church, a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Rotary club.

Besides his widow survivors include a daughter, Mrs. David Wilcox of Hudson, Wis.; and two sons, Dr. William Mooney Gambrell Jr., Luling, and John Brewster Gambrell, Tyler. *Austin American*

# Death Claims Dr. Gambrell

Dr. William Mooney Gambrell, 61, prominent Austin physician, died at St. David's Hospital Friday shortly after becoming suddenly ill at his home, 1410 Wathen.

Cause of his death has not yet been determined.

Private funeral services will be held Sunday at the family home with Dr. Carlyle Marney and Dr. Edmund Heinsohn officiating. The family has requested that flowers be omitted. The body will be taken to Dallas Sunday afternoon to be placed in Hillcrest Mausoleum.

One of the best known physicians in the state, Dr. Gambrell was head of the Texas Medical Association in 1950-51. During the same period his wife was president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the state organization.

Besides his widow, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. David Wilcox of Hudson, Wis.; and two sons, Dr. William Mooney Gambrell Jr., of Luling and John Brewster Gambrell of Tyler.

Obituary of William Gambrell  
Austin Statesman, July 26, 1952

## DR. WILLIAM M. GAMBRELL

Private funeral services for Dr. William Mooney Gambrell, 61, were held at the family residence, 1410 Wathen, Sunday. Officiating ministers were Dr. Carlyle Marney and Dr. Edmund Heinsohn. The body was taken to Dallas by the Weed-Carley Funeral Home for entombment services at Hillcrest Mausoleum.

Funeral notice for William Gambrell  
Austin Statesman, July 28, 1952

STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
OF TEXAS

HOUSTON

# Dr. Gambrell, Ex-Head Of T.M.A., Dies

By Associated Press

Austin, July 25.—Dr. William Mooney Gambrell, 61, former president of the Texas Medical Association, died Friday at St. David's Hospital. He became suddenly ill at his home and was rushed to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead 15 minutes after arrival.

Private funeral services will be held Sunday morning at the family residence, and the body will be taken to Dallas for burial.

Doctor Gambrell headed the Texas Medical Association in 1950-51, and his wife, the former Patti Childers McClung of Lockhart, was president of the women's auxiliary.

It was the first time in the history of the association and auxiliary that a husband and wife had headed the two groups.

Doctor Gambrell was born in Waco. The family moved to Caldwell County in 1897, living first on a farm near Praha Lee, then moving to Lockhart in 1906.

Doctor Gambrell and his wife were married in 1913 at Jacksonvillla. They moved to Belton in 1930 and to Austin in 1931. Doctor Gambrell had been in practice here since that time.

He was a member of the Baptist church, a thirty-second degree Mason, and a member of the Rotary Club.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. David Wilcox of Hudson, Wis., and two sons, Dr. William Mooney Gambrell, Jr., of Luling and John Brewster Gambrell of Tyler.

W. N. Gambrell

Dr. William Mooney Gambrell, Austin, Texas, member of the Board of Trustees and former president of the Texas Medical Association, died July 25, 1952, of a heart attack. Although Dr. Gambrell had not been especially well in recent months, his death was sudden and unexpected.

The son of John Newton and Mary G. (Mooney) Gambrell, Dr. Gambrell was born August 4, 1890, in Waco. He received his early education in the Lockhart public schools. In 1910 he entered the Southwest Texas Normal College, San Marcos, obtained a first grade teacher's certificate, and the next year stayed out of school to teach. After his graduation from college in 1912, he taught science at Lockhart High School, later serving as superintendent of the Lockhart schools. To complete his professional requirements, Dr. Gambrell did correspondence work during the winter and attended the University of Texas, Austin, during the summer. He resigned from his position in Lockhart in 1916 to enter the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston. After three years he was appointed a senior intern, and after his graduation in 1920, he went to the Irving-Hill Hospital, New York, for additional training. Dr. Gambrell began general practice in Balcon in 1920, moving eleven years later to Austin. Recently Dr. Gambrell had specialized in surgery, obstetrics, and gynecology.

Dr. Gambrell has been active in medical organizations. He was past president of the Bell County, Seventh District, and Travis County Medical Societies, as well as of the Texas Medical Association. In 1934 he was secretary of the Association's Section on Surgery. In 1949 Dr. Gambrell made councillor of the Seventh District, a post he held until he was named president-elect of the state organization a year later. He was a member of the Phi Beta Pi fraternity, Alpha Omega Alpha honorary medical fraternity, Texas Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and American Medical Association, and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He was a member of the Baptist Church, a thirty-second degree Mason, and a member

of the Rotary Club.

Dr. Gambrell is survived by his wife, the former Miss Patti McClung, whom he married November 27, 1913, in Jacksonville. Mrs. Gambrell was president of the Women's Auxiliary to the Texas Medical Association the same year Dr. Gambrell headed the Association. Other survivors are a daughter, Mrs. David Wilson, Hudson, Wis.; two sons, Dr. William Mooney Gambrell, Jr., Kelling, and John Brewster Gambrell, Tyler; and 4 grandchildren.

DR. WILLIAM N. GAMBRELL

*Personnel Dr. W. M. Gambrell*

*Prepared by Dr. G. May, 1950*

Dr. William Mooney Gambrell was born in Waco, Texas, August 4, 1890. His father, a native Texan, was John Newton Gambrell, a teacher and lawyer. His mother, Mary C. Mooney, also a native Texan, was the daughter of William T. Mooney who fought with the Hood Texas Brigade.

In 1897, Dr. Gambrell moved with his parents to Caldwell County. The Gambrell family lived on a farm near Prairie Lea until 1905, at which time his father, then Judge Gambrell, moved the family to Lockhart, Texas.

Dr. Gambrell graduated from the Lockhart Public Schools in 1909. He entered the Southwest Texas Normal College in January 1910 from which he obtained a first grade teacher's certificate in August.

It was necessary for Dr. Gambrell to remain out of school the next year and teach to pay back the money he had borrowed to go to school on.

In September, 1911, he returned to the Teachers College from which school he graduated in the spring of 1912.

Dr. Gambrell was elected to teach sciences in the Lockhart High School upon his graduation in San Marcus and he remained in that position two years.

Dr. Gambrell was married to Fatti Childers McClung, at Jacksonville, Texas, November 27, 1913. At the time of their marriage, Mrs. Gambrell was a teacher of English in the Lockhart High School.

Following his work as teacher of science he was elected and served two years as superintendent of the Lockhart Public School System.

During the summer while teaching, Dr. Gambrell attended the main department of the University of Texas. And during the regular session he did work by correspondence. In this manner he completed his pre-medical requirements.

He resigned as Superintendent of the Lockhart Public Schools in 1916 to enter the Medical Department of The University of Texas, Galveston, Texas.

Those who knew Dr. Gambrell, intimately recall that he obtained his education there only by working at night the first three years. Dr. Gambrell says he would never have made the grade if it had not been for the wonderful aid and assistance of his wife, Patti, who taught English in the Galveston Public Schools during this time.

Dr. Gambrell was appointed as a senior intern after completion of his junior year's work in medical school.

After graduating in 1920 at Galveston, Dr. Gambrell went to the Lying-In Hospital of New York City.

Dr. and Mrs. Gambrell moved to Balton, Texas late in 1920 where Dr. Gambrell began general practice. While in Balton, three children were born to them, Dr. William Meaney Gambrell, Jr., Miami, Florida; Patti Marie Wilcox, Hudson Wisconsin; and John Brewster Gambrell, Tyler, Texas.

Dr. and Mrs. Gambrell moved to Austin, Texas in May, 1931 where they have lived since.

Dr. Gambrell was president-elect of the State Medical Association last year. He was president of the Bell County Medical Society in 1926, and also was president of the Travis County Medical Society in 1945. He was president of the 7th. District Medical Society in . He has served as councilor of the 7th. District and served several times as delegate to the State Medical Association.

Doctor Gambrell is a member of the A. O. A. honorary medical fraternity and the Phi Beta Pi fraternity. He became a fellow of the American College of Surgeons in 1927 and a member of the Texas Society

He is a member of the Baptist Church, a 3rd. degree Mason and a member of the Rotary Club. He has always been interested in civic affairs.

He became the 85th. President of the State Medical Association of Texas on May 5, 1950, at Fort Worth, Texas.

**MRS. W. M. GAMBRELL**

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon in Jacksonville for Mrs. William M. Gambrell Sr., widow of the late Dr. William M. Gambrell of Austin. She died Wednesday night in a Texas City hospital.

Mrs. Gambrell is survived by two sons, Dr. William M. Gambrell Jr. of Texas City, with whom she made her home, and John Gambrell of Houston; a daughter, Mrs. B. A. Wilcox of Washington, D.C.; and a brother, who lives in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Gambrell lived in Austin about 30 years. She moved to Minneapolis after the death of her husband to live with her daughter, Mrs. Wilcox. During her residence here, she was active in various art groups and the First Baptist Church. She served as president of the state auxiliary to the Texas Medical Association and was president of the Austin Woman's Club from 1947 to 1949.

Obituary of Patti Gambrell  
Austin American, December 23, 1960



EMMETT DOLES  
EMMETT

Classification  
Major: Medicine  
Minor: Radiology

Associate of Dr. Dalton Richardson  
X-Ray Specialty Practice  
704 Capital National Bank Building  
Telephone 2-2712

Rotary Ann: Clara Mae

Children: Janet  
Miriam  
Linda  
Gerry

Home: 2400 Hancock Drive  
Telephone 7-3356

Hobby: Gardening and Music

Entered Club: February 14, 1950



EMMETT DOLES, M. D.  
SENIOR ACTIVE MEMBER  
(Radiology)  
Owner  
Austin X-Ray Laboratory  
308 Medical Park Tower  
1301 W. 38th St. (78705)  
452-4887  
1410 Wathen  
Birthday, March 25  
Entered Club 1950  
Rotary Ann—Clara Mae

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Obituary of Emmett Doles  
Austin American-Statesman, October 24, 1979

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Obituary of Emmett Doles  
Austin American-Statesman, October 23, 1979

### **Biography of William Dudley (Bill) Fowler**

Bill Fowler was born and raised in Austin and attended public schools, including Austin High, where he was 3rd generation. At U.T. where he received his BBA and MBA, he was 4th generation. Bill's great grandfather was in the first law class at U.T.

After working for Arthur Andersen in Houston, Bill founded a small oil company in 1984, Chase Energy, and drilled wells around the Texas coast. In 1990, he sold the assets and moved back to Austin. Bill has remained in the oil business, and in 1999 co-founded DrillingInfo, an internet software/data company serving the oil and gas industry. He remains on their Board and is pursuing other interests in the oil and gas space.

Around 1905, Bill's great grandfather was tapped by the Governor of Texas to become the first judge of the newly created 53rd District Court. Judge Robert Lee Penn moved his family to Austin, having purchased an old Texas house at 3112 West Avenue and about 20 acres of surrounding property. That house is now a designated historic landmark.

Judge Penn died at an early age, not much more than 50 years old, and left his wife with nine children. She refused to allow her family to be divided, and insisted that she had a good mind and good land and with those two assets, she would provide. Mrs. Penn studied architecture, design and drafting to assist her in her plan to subdivide her 20 acres into lots, and then build and sell houses. The location was very close to the University and the streetcar ran right up to the edge of her land. The subdivision was called Penn Place, with 23 homes sold to university professors and doctors. Among the residents were Dr. I.I. Nelson (Nelson Field), Dr. Penick (Penick-Allison tennis courts), Dr. Ted Belmont (Belmont Hall in Memorial Stadium), and Judge Robert Stayton, a former justice of the Texas Supreme Court and long time U.T. professor of law. Mrs. Penn was able to raise and provide for her nine children and send them all to the University of Texas, with the exception of one who went to Stanford.

In 1949, Bill's grandparents on his father's side bought land on Lake Austin adjacent to City Park and established three businesses: The Riverboat Commodore, the Greenshores vacation houses, and Ski Shores restaurant

and marina. In addition, he developed essentially all of the land from City Park north for about six miles. He was founder of the Austin Yacht Club, and served as County Clerk for Travis County.

Bill's mother was a direct descendent of Thomas William Ward, who fought in the Republic of Texas army. Born in 1807 in Ireland, he came to Texas during the breaking out of hostilities in 1835, as part of the New Orleans' Greys. He participated in the taking of San Antonio under Ben Milam, where he lost his leg to a cannon ball. Reaching the rank of Colonel, Thomas was commissioner of the General Land Office under the Republic of Texas for four years. He lost his right arm while firing a salute to the Republic of Texas in 1841, but continued to serve. Thomas died in Austin in 1872 and is buried at the State Cemetery.

## **Biography of Carolyn (Lynn) Grace Ferguson Fowler**

Born in Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, Lynn graduated with honors from Clemson University with a major in accounting. Both of her parents also graduated from Clemson. Lynn moved to Houston and began working for a large accounting firm while becoming a CPA. Lynn and Bill met in 1980 and married in 1982. Their children, Will and Laura, were born in 1984 and 1987. The Fowlers moved from Houston to Austin in 1992, and purchased their home at 1410 Wathen. Since 1998, Lynn has served and continues to serve as the Executive Director of the Cain Foundation.

Lynn is a direct descendent of Edward Jefferies who emigrated from London, England during or about 1716. Lynn's direct ancestors have served for our country in the Colonial Indian Wars, the War of the Revolution, the War of 1812, the War Between the States, World War I, World War II, and the Vietnam War.

2/26/09  
SF 14-23-09

# A. APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC ZONING

## PROJECT INFORMATION:

#10240710

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY	
APPLICATION DATE: <u>2-26-09</u>	FILE NUMBER(S): <u>C14H-2009-0007</u>
TENTATIVE HLC DATE: _____	
TENTATIVE PC or ZAP DATE: _____	
TENTATIVE CC DATE: _____	CITY INITIATED: YES / <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
CASE MANAGER: <u>S. SODOLSKY</u>	ROLLBACK: YES/NO
APPLICATION ACCEPTED BY: <u>Rosemary Parnas</u>	

## BASIC PROJECT DATA:

1. OWNER'S NAME: Bill & Lynn Fowler

2. PROJECT NAME: The Gambrell House

3. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (or Range): Wathen Avenue

ZIP: 78703 COUNTY: TRAVIS

IF PROJECT ADDRESS CANNOT BE DEFINED ABOVE:  
 LOCATED \_\_\_\_\_ FRONTAGE FEET ALONG THE N. S. E. W. (CIRCLE ONE) SIDE OF  
 APPROXIMATELY \_\_\_\_\_ (ROAD NAME PROPERTY FRONTS ONTO), WHICH IS  
 INTERSECTION WITH \_\_\_\_\_ DISTANCE FROM ITS  
 \_\_\_\_\_ CROSS STREET.

## AREA TO BE REZONED:

4. ACRES \_\_\_\_\_ (OR) SQ.FT. \_\_\_\_\_

5. ZONING AND LAND USE INFORMATION:

EXISTING ZONING	EXISTING USE	TRACT# (IF MORE THAN 1)	ACRES / SQ. FT.	PROPOSED USE	PROPOSED ZONING
<u>SF-3</u>	<u>Residence</u>	_____	_____	<u>Residence</u>	<u>SF-3-H</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

## RELATED CURRENT CASES:

6. ACTIVE ZONING CASE? (YES / <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO)	FILE NUMBER: _____
7. RESTRICTIVE COVENANT? (YES / <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO)	FILE NUMBER: _____
8. SUBDIVISION? (YES / <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO)	FILE NUMBER: _____
9. SITE PLAN? (YES / <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO)	FILE NUMBER: _____

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (SUBDIVISION REFERENCE OR METES AND BOUNDS):

10a. SUBDIVISION REFERENCE Name: Pemberton Heights  
Block(s) 21 Lot(s) 3 Outlet(s) Section 5  
Plat Book: \_\_\_\_\_ Page Pemberton Heights  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
10b. METES AND BOUNDS (Attach two copies of certified field notes if subdivision reference is not available or zoning includes partial lots)

DEED REFERENCE CONVEYING PROPERTY TO PRESENT OWNER AND TAX PARCEL I.D.:

11. VOLUME: \_\_\_\_\_ PAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ TAX PARCEL I.D. NO. 01-1600 1412 0000

OTHER PROVISIONS:

12. IS PROPERTY IN A ZONING COMBINING DISTRICT / OVERLAY ZONE? YES  NO   
TYPE OF COMBINING DIST/OVERLAY ZONE (NCCD, NP, etc) \_\_\_\_\_  
13. LOCATED IN A LOCAL OR NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES  NO   
14. IS A TIA REQUIRED? YES  NO  (NOT REQUIRED IF BASE ZONING IS NOT CHANGING)  
TRIPS PER DAY: \_\_\_\_\_  
TRAFFIC SERIAL ZONE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

OWNERSHIP TYPE:

15.  SOLE  COMMUNITY PROPERTY  PARTNERSHIP  CORPORATION  TRUST  
If ownership is other than sole or community property, list individuals/partners/principals below or attach separate sheet.

OWNER INFORMATION:

18. OWNER CONTACT INFORMATION  
SIGNATURE: Bill Fowler NAME: Lynn B. H Fowler  
FIRM NAME: Lynn B. H Fowler TELEPHONE NUMBER: 512-474-4117  
STREET ADDRESS: 1410 Wathen Ave.  
CITY: Austin STATE: Tx ZIP CODE: 78703  
EMAIL ADDRESS: bfowler@plsx.com

AGENT INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):

17. AGENT CONTACT INFORMATION  
SIGNATURE: S Deaderik NAME: Suzanne Deaderik  
FIRM NAME: S Deaderik - Historic Research TELEPHONE NUMBER: 477-2929  
STREET ADDRESS: 2502 Harris Blvd.  
CITY: Austin STATE: Tx ZIP CODE: 78703  
CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS: Suzanne@brande.com.net

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY: \_\_\_\_\_

## D. SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION

### SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION

My signature attests to the fact that the attached application package is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that proper City staff review of this application is dependent upon the accuracy of the information provided and that any inaccurate or inadequate information provided by me/my firm/etc., may delay the proper review of this application.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NAME BELOW SIGNATURE AND  
INDICATE FIRM REPRESENTED, IF APPLICABLE.

Bill Fowler 2-25-09  
Signature Date

Bill Fowler  
Name (Typed or Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firm (If applicable)

### INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION

As owner or authorized agent, my signature authorizes staff to visit and inspect the property for which this application is being submitted.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NAME BELOW SIGNATURE AND  
INDICATE FIRM REPRESENTED, IF APPLICABLE.

Bill Fowler 2-25-09  
Signature Date

Bill Fowler  
Name (Typed or Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firm (If applicable)

**E. ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM**

concerning  
Subdivision Plat Notes, Deed Restrictions,  
Restrictive Covenants  
and / or  
Zoning Conditional Overlays

I, Bill Fowler have checked for subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions,  
(Print name of applicant)

restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays prohibiting certain uses and/or requiring certain development restrictions i.e. height, access, screening etc. on this property, located at

1410 Wathen  
(Address or Legal Description)  
Austin, Tx. 78703

If a conflict should result with the request I am submitting to the City of Austin due to subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays it will be my responsibility to resolve it. I also acknowledge that I understand the implications of use and/or development restrictions that are a result of a subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays.

I understand that if requested, I must provide copies of any and all subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlay information which may apply to this property.

Bill Fowler  
(Applicant's signature)

2-25-09  
(Date)

TAX CERTIFICATE  
Nelda Wells Spears  
Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector  
P.O. Box 1748  
Austin, Texas 78767  
(512) 854-9473

NO 1039450

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 01-1600-1412-0000

PROPERTY OWNER:

FOWLER WILLIAM D & CAROLYN F  
CAROLYN F FOWLER  
1410 WATHEN AVE  
AUSTIN, TX 78703-2528

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

LOT 3 BLK 21 PEMBERTON HEIGHTS SEC  
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ACRES 0.000 MIN% .00000 TYPE

SITUS INFORMATION: 1410 WATHEN AVE

This is to certify that after a careful check of tax records of this office, the following taxes, delinquent taxes, penalties and interests are due on the described property of the following tax unit(s):

YEAR	ENTITY	TOTAL
2008	AUSTIN ISD	*ALL PAID*
	CITY OF AUSTIN (TRAV)	*ALL PAID*
	TRAVIS COUNTY	*ALL PAID*
	TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT	*ALL PAID*
	ACC (TRAVIS)	*ALL PAID*
TOTAL SEQUENCE 0		*ALL PAID*
TOTAL TAX:		*ALL PAID*
UNPAID FEES:		* NONE *
INTEREST ON FEES:		* NONE *
COMMISSION:		* NONE *
TOTAL DUE ==>		*ALL PAID*

TAXES PAID FOR YEAR 2008 \$16,580.15

TAXES PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING THE YEAR 2008 EXCEPT FOR UNPAID TAXES LISTED ABOVE.

The above described property may be subject to special valuation based on its use, and additional rollback taxes may become due. (Section 23.55, State Property Tax Code). Pursuant to Section 31.08 of the State Property Tax Code, there is a fee of \$10.00 for all Tax Certificates.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE ON THIS DATE OF 02/12/2009

Fee Paid: \$10.00

Nelda Wells Spears  
Tax Assessor-Collector

By: 